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• Dynamo Zagreb goalkeeper Zelimir Stincic appears to be making an uncomplimentary gesture at Jamie Paton. The match was drawn 1-1, with Paton scoring first and Munjakovic equalising. Picture by LES SHORROCK. See page 4 for report.

Nacional is poised to strike another blow for Uruguayan soccer when it meets Nottingham Forest for the World Club Cup in Tokyo next Wednesday.

Nacional already has won the Copa Libertadores (South American Cup) and eight of its players were in the Uruguayan national team that won the Gold Cup against West Germany, Brazil, Holland, Italy and Argentina.

After the game in Tokyo, Nacional flies to Melbourne to play against the Socceros at Olympic Park on February 18.

And if the Uruguayans come here as World Club Cup holders, the game in Melbourne will rank as one of the most important yet staged in Australia.

Nacional's top players include Waldemar Victorino, Victor Esparrago, Eduardo de la Pena and Julio Cesar Morales.

Nacional won the World Club Cup in 1971, but it was a hollow victory.

Ajax Amsterdam, which had qualified as the European representative, refused to play against Nacional in protest against the violence in previous world finals between Racing Buenos Aires and Celtic, and Estudiantes and Manchester United.

So Nacional played instead against Europe's runner-up, Panathinaikos.

This time Nacional wants the real thing.

But so does Nottingham Forest, which has been given extra fire by the return of Trevor Francis who has scored six goals in seven games.

Toyota is sponsoring the World Club Cup for \$500,000 and each team will receive a minimum of \$150,000 plus all expenses.

The match will kick off at midday, Tokyo time.

Past winners: 1960 Real Madrid. 1961 Penarol. 1962 Santos. 1963 Santos. 1964 Internazionale. 1965 Internazionale. 1966 Penarol. 1967 Racing Buenos Aires. 1968 Estudiantes de la Plata. 1969 Milan. 1970 Feyenoord. 1971 Nacional. 1972 Ajax. 1973 Independiente. 1974 Atletico Madrid. 1975 Not played. 1976 Bayern Munich. 1977 Boca Juniors. 1978 Not played. 1979 Olimpia Paraguay. Most wins: Internazionale, Penarol, Santos two each. Most Final appearances: Independiente (Argentina) five.

# CUPS KICK OFF



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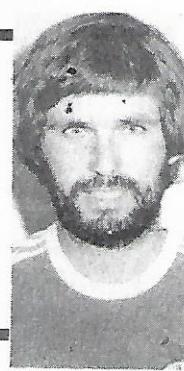
Northcote City's Ampol Cup team will feature Chris Kalafatidis, who has been signed for \$7000 from South Melbourne.

But Cup holder Essendon Croatia has sacked John Gardiner who, as player-coach, inspired the finest period in the club's history.

Gardiner announced late last year he would not coach Croatia again, and the club sacked him from the playing staff last week after he had refused to go to Sydney for a practice match against Sydney Croatia.

He is now looking for a new club.

Chris Kalafatidis



John Gardiner

## Ajax the big hurdle as Croatia seeks record

Essendon Croatia will try to equal the record of PSL club Footscray Eagles in the 1981 Victorian Ampol Cup which starts on Saturday night at Olympic Park.

Croatia won the cup in 1968, 71, 72, 77 and is the current cup holder.

Footscray has won the cup six times.

Green Gully Ajax looms as the biggest threat to Croatia as Ajax has embarked on an ambitious recruiting campaign which has snared the signatures of Gus McLeod, Paul Lewis, Kevin Wall and Kit Grechan with the possibility of South Melbourne's Saminy Wright also joining the long list of Ajax recruits.

Lewis will not be available for the opening Ampol Cup round but McLeod should be here in time.

Wall, McLeod and Bill Morrey

By Craig Mackenzie

This weekend's Victorian games with likely winners in capitals:  
AJAX v Juventus at Olympic Park, Saturday 7.30 pm.  
CROATIA v Hakoah at Olympic Park, Saturday about 8.50 pm.  
CROYDON v Sunshine at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday 2.45 pm.  
FOOTSCRAY v George Cross at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday about 4.10 pm.  
DOVETON v Northcote at Jubilee Park, Sunday about 4.10 pm.

The back Ajax will be looking to strengthen its present squad after the loss of former Elre international and 1980 Bill Fleming Medal winner Jimmy Dunne, now starring with PSL club Brisbane City.

Most club coaches maintain they will use the Ampol Cup for trialling

Croydon coach Bill McArthur has different ideas.

"I'm sick of listening to this rubbish about using the cup for a work-out for the season," he said.

"We're in it to win it, make no mistake about that, and our primary objective is to make the semi-finals.

"We're playing well and the lads look sharp so I expect us to do well in the Ampol Cup."

Attendances at the Ampol Cup could be a good yardstick by which to forecast the effect Preston's loss will have on the league season.

The cup also will give a fair indication of the probable fortunes of newcomers Doveton, Ringwood City and Northcote.

Traditionally the Metro First Division champion has done well in the Ampol Cup, with Croydon and Albion Rovers making the semi-finals in their first year as contestants.

Doveton could be the dark horse

## Arok's men face tough task

The NSW Ampol Cup kicks off on Friday night at the Seymour Shaw ground and all eyes will be on former PSL club St. George.

If the once mighty St. George is to make a speedy return to the PSL it must acquit itself well this year and the club's brain trust would be well aware of the prestige to be gained from a win in the 1981 Ampol Cup.

But Frank Arok's charges face a stiff task in Group B of the Cup draw alongside Croatia Sydney, Riverwood (formerly Arncliffe Scots) and Parramatta.

Croatia has spent heavily on rebuilding its first team squad and has the depth which was lacking last year.

Croatia spent \$7,000 on

former Auburn central defender Kevin Dobson.

Two other Polish players from Marconi, Bill Trelovanski and midfielder Ted Bryzostowski; Marcus Silva from Sydney City and striker Steve Montgomery from Riverwood for \$3,000, and the Croatia line-up takes on a fearsome appearance for opposing sides.

Croatia is negotiating with Melita Eagles for midfielder Vic Juchnicewicz and striker Brian Parker and they could join the squad in time for Croatia's game on Saturday night at St. George.



Marcus Silva — from Sydney City to Croatia

Stadium against Parramatta.

Two of Sydney Olympians' top players are also under Croatia's microscope and if they sign Croatia will have a squad "ready to go into the 1982 PSL", according to club president Tony Topic.

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## SUPPORT THE COMPANY THAT SUPPORTS SOCCER

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SATURDAY 7th FEB  
Olympic Park K.O. 7.30 pm  
Green Gully v Brunswick United  
Essendon Croatia v St Kilda Hakoah  
SUNDAY 8th FEB  
Green Gully Reserve K.O. 2.45 pm  
Croydon v Sunshine City  
Frankston City v George Cross  
SUNDAY 8th FEB  
Jubilee Park K.O. 2.45 pm

## Abonyi's new men

From page one

Riverwood, under new coach Attili Abonyi, will use the Ampol Cup to prepare for the all-important State League season and Abonyi may experiment with some positional moves.

Riverwood has signed former Auburn keeper Ron Gisbourne, and three players from PSL club Blacktown — striker Alan Fisher, winger Gavin Landon and midfielder Phil Dalton.

St George still has players of the quality of Paul Kay, Peter Stone, Ernie Campbell and Mark Barton and should have little trouble qualifying for the quarter-finals.

St George and Croatia should grab the top two spots in what should be a fiercely competitive group.

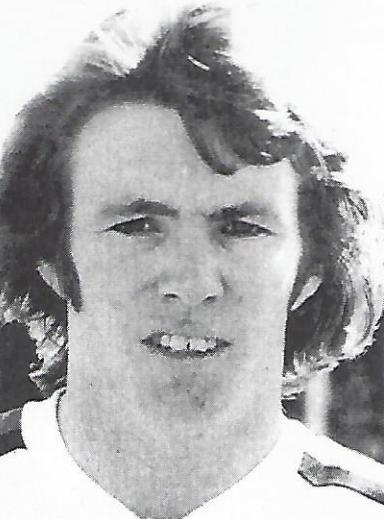
Group D features Auburn, Avala, Sutherland Shire and Polonia and Polonia appears the least likely qualifier.

For the first time in years 90 per cent of Auburn's playing staff was signed before the New Year and the side has been training regularly for weeks, with the result that Auburn should be one of the fittest outfits in this Cup.

New signings Dennis Daley from Blacktown and Steve Leak from Riverwood should acquit themselves well alongside Auburn's South American maestro Hector Martinez.

Argentinian Martinez was placed on the transfer list at \$8,000 after failing to agree with Auburn over contract terms but Auburn president Ron Bowman is confident the dispute will be resolved.

Just ask the Marconi players about Martinez



**Striker Alan Fisher — joined Riverwood (formerly Arncliffe Scots) from Blacktown City.**

and you'll probably discover that they have a high opinion of the close ball skills of the Auburn midfielder. For about 20 minutes in a recent practice match Martinez turned Marconi's players inside out in a dazzling display and he should be one of the most prominent players in the Ampol Cup.

Auburn can win this group but second spot is a toss-up between Avala and Sutherland.

Sutherland may edge out Avala but there will be little between these sides at the end of the three preliminary rounds of the cup.

Melita Eagles look a safe bet for top honours in group A and North Sydney Inter also should clinch a quarter-final berth.

Inter Monaro, Canterbury-Marrickville

and Bankstown City should fight out group C with little-known Wollongong club Fairy Meadow taking a back seat.

Inter and Canterbury may sneak into the quarter-finals but neither club seems destined to go far in the competition.

This weekend's games with likely winners in capitals:

**NORTH SYDNEY V INTER Wollongong**  
United at Seymour Shaw, Friday, 6.45 pm

**MELITA EAGLES V Manly Warringah**  
at Seymour Shaw, Friday, 8.30 pm

**INTER MONARO V**  
Fairy Meadow at St George Stadium, Saturday, 6.45 pm

**CROATIA V Parramatta**  
at St George Stadium, Saturday, 8.30 pm.

# Mussel to switch?

From page one

Here are the groups and probable squads for the Victorian Ampol Cup.

**CROATIA:** Peter Blasby, Steve Short, Steve Kokoska, Keith Adams, Ante Blaver, Joe Trout, Howard Andrews, Ken Murphy, Carl Gilder, Noel Mitten, Brian Keenan, Steve Gojek, Mick Klarin, Ivan Istric. Trying to sign Altona defender Peter Lewis.

**HAKOAH:** Mike Fryzer, Sean Rooney, Bill Jordano, Anton Dosen, Steve Gadsby, Ian McNeil, Stuart Blair, Stan Webster, Richard McClunie, Gerry Edmondson, Graham French, Jimmy Wilson, Gary Mallaghan, Mike Gesos, Les Thomson, Colin Allison. Trying to sign keeper David Slack from Geelong.

**FRANKSTON:** Dave Gilbert, Nigel Bell, Alan Scott, Frank Thomson, Danny McCluskey, Bob Adams, Norrie Campbell, Eddie Ormond, Bill Buchanan, Dave Cooper, David Webb, Bruce Young, Kevin Burroughs, Keith Towers, Goran Runje. Trying to sign midfielder Ged Bannon from Hakoah and striker Mick McGowan from Slavia.

**GEORGE CROSS:** Robert Amos, Oliver Gay, Damien Morgan, Bill Wilkin, Ian Lewis, Belusic, Neil Maitland, Orlando Desa, Graham Tuttill, Ray Mizzi, Tony Zeigelaar, Tony Castielo, Tony Cowan, Jim Papars, David Pranic, George Borg. Trying to sign midfielder Dave Rigby from Hakoah and Ged Bannon.

**ALTONA:** Dennis Massini, Rathman Mimishi, Peter Wilson, Steve McCarigle, Kevin Wilson, Drazan Basek, Wim Harington, Bobby Malt, Brian Thom, Gary van Leeuwen, Jimmy McNamara, Steve Pendrey, Trevor Owen, Ian Greener, John O'Callaghan, David Tattersall, Rick Mensink, Paul O'Riley.

**RINGWOOD:** Les Fearn, Carlos Bravo, Don Passman, Alex Anderson, Gary Groenewald, John Luyten, Wim Harington, Bobby Malt, Brian Thom, Gary van Leeuwen, Jimmy McNamara, Steve Pendrey, Trevor Owen, Ian Greener, John O'Callaghan, David Tattersall, Rick Mensink, Paul O'Riley.

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**WELLINGTON:** Mick Edwards, Mike Doherty, Kevi Spinks, Jimmie Spinks, Alan Pongho, Steve McCombe, Mark Brown, Duncan Smith, John Howarth, Jimmy Wylie, Peter Loughnane, Peter Abbott, Dave Brogan, Ian Loughnane, Colin Page.

**DOVETON:** Lou Ivanoff, Alan Baird, Ernie Merrick, Paul Corke, Peter Thurlow, Alex McConville, Gordon Bentley, Jim Train, Hugh Campbell, Neil Collyer, Steve Irvine, John McDonald, Arthur Cherry, Alan Quin, Mark Bradshaw. Trying to sign Ged Bannon.

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**FRANKSTON:** Alex Fanto-

Mike Stogiannou, Con Fakos, Mark Karabatos, Chris Kalaftidis, John Nicolaides, Bill Gatzonis, Phil Palausso, Spiro Tsatsos, Jim Sahinidis, Con Ignatidis. Trying to sign J.U.S.T. midfielder Mirko Rujevic, Sunshine defender Frank Mussel and Juventus defender Alex Nelson.

**CROATIA AND AJAX:** Mick must start favorites to win their groups but Frankston should be hot on Ajax's tail in group B.

The runner-up spot in group A is a bit of a raffle.

Frankston will find Mick Gordan's signature hard to gain and it looks as if the Baysiders, or the "Space Invaders" as some fans are starting to nickname the club, seem light on the front.

Hakoah, provided Graham French plays, looks the probable runner-up but there are plenty "ifs" about Fred Bunce's side.

If Graham French plays, if suitable replacements can be found for Ged Bannon and Chris Kent and if Hakoah can overcome its poor track record in night competitions then it could capture a semi-final berth.

Ajax and Croatia look like likely winners of this Saturday night's double header at Olympic Park.

Ajax meets a Juventus line-up still unsettled and new Juve coach Joe Wilson will be hoping the match provides valuable insights into his squads strengths and weaknesses.

Rival coach Bobby McLachlan's only worry will be how to please the success hungry Ajax fans if his side doesn't win by two or three goals.

The Croatia line-up will have a major bearing on the outcome of its clash with Hakoah as some top line Croatia players still are negotiating contracts.

Former player-coach John Gardiner is a sad loss.

There may be a few faces which were rarely sighted in the first eleven last year.

Northcote's John Gardiner took on the mantle of skipper with Stan Webster-Richter, McClunie

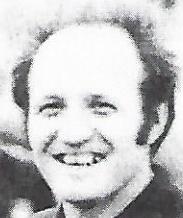
partnership to blossom this year and provide the spearhead of its attack along with the experienced Graham Wright.

late last year French enjoyed more freedom by playing deep and escaping tight marking. He may try to come from deep once more.

Hakoah's Anton Dosen and Steve Gadsby probably have nightmares about last year's Docketty Cup semi-final when they were torn to shreds by

Dover head-on.

But Doveton should win with the talented Steve Irvine in attack.



**Frank Mussel**

**Mirko Rujevic**



**Ged Bannon**

**Croatia strikers Carl Gilder and Noel Mitten**

The clash between Mitten and Dosen should be colorful. Dosen niggled Mitten into an uncharacteristic outburst in their Victoria Cup clash last year and the former Eire youth international was off.

There will be a few grudges settled by the game's end.

On Sunday at Green Gully Reserve Frankston should sneak just ahead of Northcote. Cross but two teams could be needed to separate these teams.

Big Bob Adams may play up front for the "Space Invaders" but if his services are required at the back Norrie Campbell's height could be used as the focal point of attack.

Cross coach Archie Campbell will have to find a speedster to cope with Frankston's "Roadrunner", Bruce Young.

If Northcote's imports are available it will confront the Baysiders with a group line-up featuring Chris Kalaftidis at the heart of the back four. With Frank Mussel alongside Kalaftidis and Mirko Rujevic in midfield alongside John Nicolaides Northcote has the talent to meet the physical Dover head-on.

But Doveton should win with the talented Steve Irvine in attack.

## GROUP B

**AJAX:** Denys, Lukac, Bennett, Smart, Crilly, Hogben, Patten, Grechan, Vassallo, Scott, Wall, Morey, McLeod, Leni, Perkin. Trying to sign Hellas midfield Sammy Wright.

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Canberra striker Sebastian Giampaolo (right) shoots past former KB keeper Jim Preston now with Wollongong.



KB's new signing Bob Mountford (left) outjumps Heidelberg defender Arthur McMillan. Mountford guested for KB in 1978.

## TURNER FIGHTS TO JOIN WOLLONGONG



Brian Turner (bottom right), New Zealand's most experienced international, with some of his NZ team mates. Back row, left to right: Sandy Davie, Tony Sibley. Front: Clive Campbell, Keith Nelson and Turner.

**Brian Turner, who almost cost Australia a place in the 1974 World Cup finals, is set to join the large contingent of New Zealand players in the Philips League.**

Turner, 31, who has played 82 full international matches for New Zealand, is in Australia to join Wollongong City.

However, the Auckland club wants considerably more than the \$2,000 NZ. (\$2300 Aust.) Wollongong has offered for Turner.

Club chairman Clive Herbert has resigned because of the club's attitude.

Turner who arrived in Australia on Sunday, says he will go regardless of Mt Wellington's decision and fight his case from Wollongong.

"I am here for personal reasons mainly," he said. "I think also a change will make me a better player for New Zealand in the World Cup qualifiers in April and May."

"I am disappointed in Mt Wellington's attitude."

"I am on a \$600 NZ. (\$488 Aust.) contract and they want 10 times that amount from Wollongong."

He put the Kiwis ahead with

match against Australia in Auckland on March 4, 1974.

Had Australia lost that game, its chances of qualifying would have been slim indeed, but Ernie Campbell managed to wriggle clear to score the equaliser just before the end.

Turner is expected to play for Wollongong in a practice match against Wollongong United at Memorial Park, Corrimal, on Sunday at 3 pm.

Turner probably would be allocated the No. 7 shirt for the 1981 season, while the other

late recruit, Jim McBreen (ex-Newcastle KB) will have No. 17.

In a recent practice match, Wollongong drew 0-0 with Canberra City.

The Wolves also won the local Harrigan Ford competition, beating Wollongong United 3-0 (goals by Adams, Campbell, Lathan) and Fairy Meadow 3-0 (Tredinnick, Campbell, Duley).

Another New Zealander, Bill de Graaf, was voted best player of the competition. — LAURIE SCHWAB

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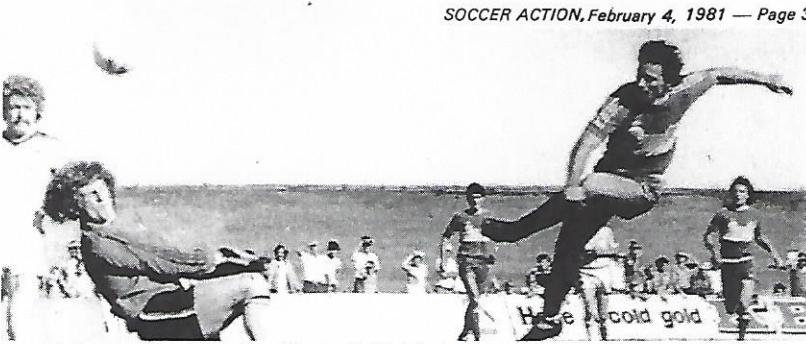
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## Arrows set to fly at cocky KB

By JACK MATTHEWS and LAURIE SCHWAB

Despite an operating loss for the 1980 Philips League season of \$38,248, confidence in Newcastle KB United's ability to make a bold showing in 1981 is remarkably high.

And that confidence may well be justified when Newcastle meets Canberra Arrows in the first round of the Philips Cup in Canberra on Sunday.

Alan Vest, the KB United team manager, noted for his refusal to make predictions or to be unduly optimistic, openly declares that "this is our year."

That, coming from Vest, is a prediction of which to take full notice.

Not even the much heralded arrival of Tommy Docherty to begin his stint as saviour of Sydney Olympic or the ecstatic announcement by Rale Rasic that he had captured the Yugoslav Olympian, Jovan Djordjevic, for the Blacktown City Club, has been able to lift KB United's spirits.

His confidence that 1981 will be KB's year in the Philips League is as robust as ever in 1979 — remains paramount.

"Don't doubt it. This will be our year," he said. "Our team has emerged from its formative years and is ready to full

strength. The club's losses were heavy in 1980 although small when measured against those of some other clubs.

The times of adversity

proved the strength of the organisation and the symbolic reference "Newcastle is United" was fully tested and not found wanting.

The club's directors kept close watch on all avenues of expense last year and now consider that the club's worst period has ended and, with similar watchfulness, the club will sail on a chartered course with a fair wind to help it on its way.

castle is United" Appeal had been most successful.

The attendance at matches at the International Sports Centre was 83,191, a drop of 48,809 on the 1979 figures and there was a subsequent fall of \$34,270 in gate takings.

Players' expenses rose by \$42,460 but match expenses fell by \$12,395.

The club is fortunate to retain as its main sponsor the Sydney brewer, Tooht and Co. Ltd., which has contributed \$100,000 to the club for the coming year.

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The unbound confidence of Alan Vest as to KB United's future is typical of the outlook of the club's supporters who agree with him that "1981 will be KB's year."

Yet Canberra is equally as confident that fortunes will swing its way this year.

Coach Murray has inspired his new charges who are determined that they will pack Bruce Stadium with some dashing displays.

Meanwhile, the Philips Cup is set for Adelaide City as well this week.

City takes on Croatia at Hindmarsh on Sunday at 4 pm.

Adelaide City has been inspired by the fine early-season form of former Socceroo captain Gary Marocchi.

First-round Philips Cup matches this week, with likely winners in capitals:

**SUNDAY: ADELAIDE CITY v. CROATIA at Hindmarsh Stadium, 4 pm; CANBERRA CITY v. NEWCASTLE KB UTD at Bruce Stadium, Canberra; BRISBANE CITY v. MT. GRAVATT, Perry Park, 3 pm; BRISBANE LIONS v. Townsville at Richlands, 3 pm.**

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# Zajec in a class of his own

**DINAMO ZAGREB 1 (Bogdan 63rd)** **SOUTH AUSTRALIA 0** at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd, 6,200.

**DINAMO:** Vlak 7 — Bracun 7, Mustedonagic 7, Zajec 9, Tucak 7 (Kurtela) — Bogdan 7, Poljak 7 (Munjakovic), Milinovic 7 — Deveric 8, Cvetkovic 8, Kovacevic 7.

**SA:** Marshall 8 — Russell 9, Jones 8, B. Nyskohus 8, Bozanic 8 — Boyle 6 (Mahony), Dooley (61st Amos), Muniz 6 — J. Nyskohus 6, Marwa 7, Bell 6.

Dinamo Zagreb's reputation as one of Europe's finest sides took a severe blow against meek South Australia at Hindmarsh Stadium last Wednesday.

Zagreb was positively ordinary and did just enough to edge past SA which now has lost its previous eight internationals.

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

While the Yugoslavs looked efficient, it never looked as if it would take SA apart as did Red Star Belgrade which won 6-0 a year ago.

Dinamo looked a very worried side at half time and became noticeably agitated early in the second half when SA launched several promising raids on its goal.

But Dinamo calmed down in the 63rd minute when Srecko Bogdan flicked a glorious header past Peter Marshall after a cross from Stjepan Deveric.

Although most of the Yugoslavs looked ordinary, one player who was in a class of his own was captain Velimir Zajec.

The strongly-built defender blunted many SA attacks, made the occasional probe in midfield and even fired some uncomfortable shots at Marshall.

Another player who worried SA was wing striker Deveric, while Bogdan controlled the midfield and obliterated SA's trio of Dooley, Muniz and Boyle.

Not for the first time, SA's best performers were the defenders.

The back four of Bobby Russell, David Jones and Bugsy Nyskohus and Vic Bozanic were solid and gave Marshall excellent protection.

Jones was particularly impressive while Russell always seemed to be sliding into Yugoslav strikers with perfectly timed tackles.

SA's strikers, for all of their honesty, just weren't good enough to crack Dinamo's back line.

Croatia's Robert Marwe was the most effective, doing the bulk of his good work when he threw himself into aerial contests.

Para Hills' Harry Bell could have become an instant hero had he directed his header better moments before Bogdan scored from an identical position at the other end.

As for John Nyskohus, he didn't get the service he needs from midfield, although he did have one good shot early in the game which was deflected at the crucial moment.

But despite this lack of bite in midfield and in attack, SA appears to be in good shape to tackle the Victorians in their annual fixture at Hindmarsh Stadium in April.

# DROPPED 7, SO STATE BOSS OUT

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

**It could happen only in Australia — a coach sacked on the eve of a major match two weeks after his appointment!**

*That's what happened to South Australian state coach Brian Dooley when he decided to drop seven players who failed to attend training for last Wednesday's game against Dinamo Zagreb.*

Dooley's sacking followed a confrontation with SA Soccer Federation officials before the final training session on Monday night.

The seven players dropped were later reinstated by the Federation.

The players dropped were — Peter Marshall, Bugsy and John Nyskohus, David Jones, Bobby Russell, Agenor Muniz and Graham Honeyman.

Honeyman was the only player who was not included in the final squad.

Federation chairman Wally Tkachuk explained that Dooley was "relieved of his duties" because he failed to follow the Federation Board's directions.

He also had failed to investigate the reasons for their non-appearance at training sessions.

Apparently, the seven players involved had not been informed of the training session.

New Belgrade coach Zoran Matic was appointed "technical adviser" for the Zagreb match.

Dooley said: "I have nothing against the players involved but my policy always has been that if players can't train then they can't play."

Dooley also lost his job as coach of the State under 19 team which is contesting the Ampol Cup.

His only regret was losing that job — a task

which he performed with distinction considering that he had three weeks to prepare a side which lacked some of the State's best youth talent because they were required by their clubs.

## State's 35th defeat

Since 1964, when SA played its first official International following Australia's re-admittance to FIFA, the State has played 41 International matches.

It has won one game — 2-1 over Poland's Legia Warsaw in 1975 — drawn five and lost 35.

In those matches it has scored 36 goals and conceded a staggering 131.

It record in the past two seasons is:

1979 - v Wisla Cracow 1-1 (D. Leane), Norwich City 0-4, Partizan Belgrade 0-3, AEK Athens 0-1, Vardar 3-4 (J. Nyskohus, Kolecki, Bell).

1980 - v Red Star Belgrade 0-6, Czechoslovakia 2-4 (Kosmina, Bozanic), AC Milan 1-3 (Bozanic).

For the record, SA's worst defeat was against Czech team Sparta Prague, 8-2 (half-time 5-0) at Norwood Oval in 1968.

Three other international sides have also inflicted 6-0 losses — Greece (1969), Moscow Dynamo (1971), Red Star Belgrade 1980.

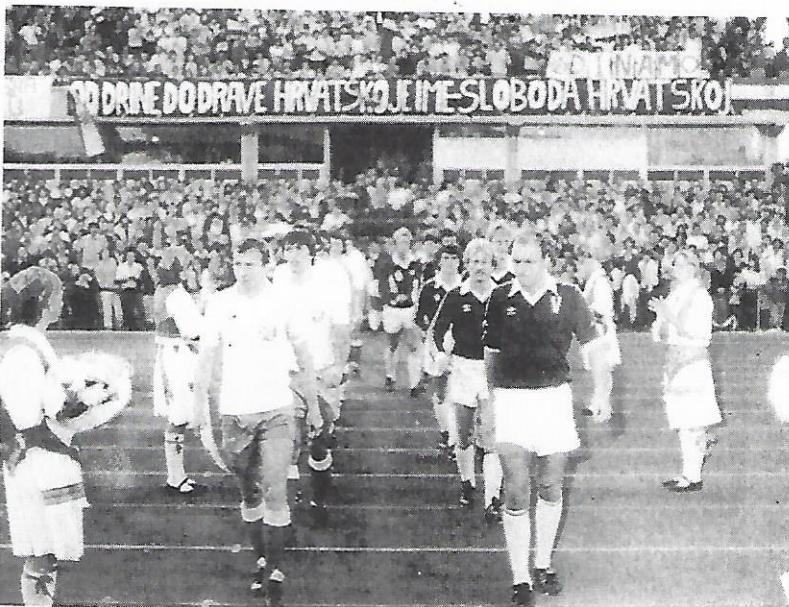
## Hungaria Cup

The Hungaria Cup Semi-finals: Highbury v Northern Suburbs and Parkmore v Melbourne will kick off on February 15 at Middle Park.

The final will be on March 8.

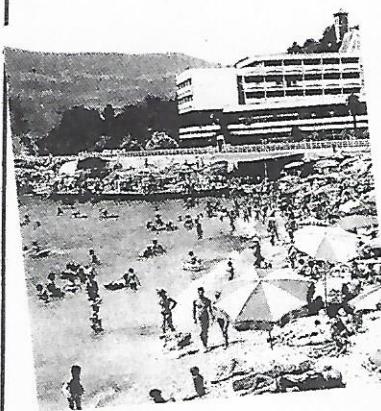


Velimir Zajec (right) takes the ball away at Olympic Park on Saturday night. Gary Cole seems distracted. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.



Captains Zajec and Jim Tansey lead their teams onto the Olympic Park pitch, between rows

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# STINCIC SAVES DINAMO IN MELBOURNE

**VICTORIA 1 (Paton 51st) DINAMO ZAGREB 1 (Munjakovic 61st)** at Olympic Park. Crowd about 15,000. Referee David Yelland 7.

**VICTORIA:** Lumeta 7 — Yzendoorn 8, Gardiner 8) Kokosaka 8, Tansey 8 — Davidson 9, Campbell 7, Rooney 7 — Cole 7, Paton 7, Murphy 7.

**DINAMO:** Stincic 9 — Jovicevic 7, Zajec 8, Bogdan 7, Cvetkovic 7 — Munjakovic 7, Mustedanagic 6, Kurtels 8, Mlinaric 7 — Deveric 7, Kovacevic 7.

After 15 minutes play in last Saturday night's clash between Victoria and Dinamo Zagreb, a spectator standing directly in front of me turned to a friend and asked him which side was Victoria.

About 90 minutes later, I was speaking through an interpreter, to Dinamo coach Miroslav Blazevic. "Victoria is the best team we've played on this tour," he said.

"They were well organised, physically aggressive and looked dangerous for most of the match."

Blazevic's comments summed up a meritorious performance from Victoria's part-timers against the full-time pros from the Yugoslav First Division.

The spectator's question summed up the transformation which has been effected in Victoria's efforts since Len McKendry was appointed coach.

Victoria confronts overseas teams as an experienced and well-drilled outfit and the soccer public expects the Vics to get a result, a far cry from pre-McKendry days.

A couple of years ago, it was easy to identify Victoria. It was the side which lost possession easily and was exposed at the back when the touring team decided to move into top gear.

But last Saturday night, it took an extraordinary goal to put the tourists on level terms, a 35-metre thunderbolt which looked to be going over the bar but dipped viciously and left Victorian keeper Peter Laumets grasping handfuls of air as he dove across goal in full flight.

The feature of the first half was the organisation of both defences.

Dinamo opted to have five men stationed at the back with midfielder Dzemal Mustedanagic spending most of the half as a twin stopper alongside Srecko Bogdan.

Victoria relied on the ability of its players to get behind the ball quickly and deliver rather than packing its defence.

Indeed, Victorian full backs John Yzendoorn and Jim Tansey charged forward on countless occasions trying to stretch Dinamo at the back but the tourists held firm.

In this first half Tansey gave Stejan Deveric a hiding and Dinamo's best player up front was Marko Mlinaric whose ability to run at defenders caused a couple of scares in the Vics' camp.

But as Victorian sweeper John Gardiner pointed out after the match, Dinamo's few chances were created after the Victorian defenders had done their job by pushing Dinamo players wide into narrow angles from which to shoot or cross.

Mlinaric did well to wriggle past three defenders late in the first half but he shot into the side netting from two metres out from the by-line.

Victoria struck first through Jamie Paton early in the second half.

This forced Dinamo to come forward and open up space behind the defence for the dynamic runs of Cole, but the blond Australian international failed to wrap up the game when he twice broke clear only to be thwarted by the fine reflexes of Dinamo keeper Zelimir Stincic.

After the match Blazevic blamed Stincic for Victoria's goal, claiming his keeper didn't react quickly enough to parry Paton's first-time shot.

McKendry rejected Blazevic's claim.

"I'd have to say their keeper (Stincic) was their best player because he kept them in the game when he twice stopped Cole," said McKendry.

"As for Blazevic's claim that Stincic reacted late to Paton's shot I just can't accept that. There are not many keepers who would have saved in that situation."

Cole and Jimmy Rooney combined to split the Dinamo defence. Rooney took the ball from the Dinamo left side of the area and cut it back to Paton. Stincic had come to the near post expecting to cut out Rooney's cross but he was forced to change direction and try to get back to the centre of the goal. Paton shot from about eight metres and Stincic was well beaten as Alan Davidson followed in to make sure the ball crossed the line.

Despite Dinamo's equaliser from Mladen Munjakovic, the discipline in the Vics' play, now a feature of Victoria's play, prevailed till the final whistle.

Indeed, a brilliant return pass from newcomer Ken Murphy to Cole should have been the clincher.

Murphy curled the ball behind Zajec and Bogdan. Cole took off but Stincic was out in a flash and spread himself well to deflect Cole's shot for a corner.

So, Dinamo wrapped up an unsuccessful Australian tour with its second draw from four games. An uninspiring victory over South Australia was Dinamo's sole win and it leaves with a loss to Rale Rasic's NSW.

The Dinamo squad was in the middle of a mid-season break in the Yugoslav league program and was assembled eight days before the tour.

Blazevic was appointed coach only two weeks before the tour and he had to fit up personal business in Switzerland before joining his charges three days before heading to Australia.

If the Dinamo players used this tour to impress their new coach, their days at Dinamo are numbered.

Not so with the Victorians.

Rudi Gutendorf watched the game and surely, he must have learned about the benefits of team stability.

The Vics have been together for two years. Their spirit is great and their organisation better.

Theo Semelidis must have thought he was back in the national side when he warmed up for a few minutes of the second half but no substitutions were made, another point which Gutendorf would do well to observe closely.

In Australia's Oceania group for the World Cup qualifying rounds its opponents are New Zealand, Indonesia, Fiji and Tai-



BY  
CRAIG  
MACKENZIE

**Victoria goes into the lead against Dinamo Zagreb. Alan Davidson (right), has tapped the ball in on the rebound but the goal was credited to Jamie Paton who had the first shot. The men beaten are Marko Mlinaric (No. 10) and goalkeeper Zelimir Stincic. Picture by LES SHORROCK.**

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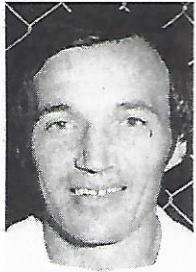
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Ivo Prskalo

## PRSKALO RETURNS, 'DAVO' IN MIDFIELD

Ivo Prskalo will remain the sweeper of the national team.

That is the decision of coach Rudi Gutendorf.

Gutendorf was happy with the way Jim Tansey played when tried out as sweeper against Dynamo Zagreb in Canberra, but there was one aspect of the shift with which he is dissatisfied.

It involves Alan Davidson playing in Tansey's former position, left back, and Gutendorf has decided that he wants Davidson in midfield.

He made that decision after watching Davidson's midfield performance for Victoria in the 1-1 draw with Dynamo Zagreb last Saturday.

Gutendorf's team now is almost settled. However, he is a little concerned with the current poor form of Eddie Krnacovic, and hopes Krnacovic recovers quickly.

The Socceroos World Cup squad now appears to be: Allan Maher, Greg Woodhouse, Steve Perry, Steve Hogg, Ivo Prskalo, Tony Henderson, Jim Tansey, Alan Davidson, Murray Barnes, John Yzendoorn, Ken Boden, Peter Sharne, Gary Cole, Eddie Krnacovic — 14 men vying for 11 positions. — TOM ANDERSON



TOM ANDERSON



• Rudi Gutendorf — he's not worried

## Shut up you mugs and give Rudi a go

The Australian Soccer Federation immediately should issue an order to Socceroos to start taking Spanish lessons.

For it is my honest opinion that our national team will win through the important elimination games this year and qualify for next year's final series in Spain.

And this is despite the many attempts from numerous quarters to torpedo our hopes by trying to crucify national coach Rudi Gutendorf.

Coach Gutendorf has the ability, he has the know-how, he has the players, the guts and determination to overcome not only opposition from the countries he will meet on the playing field, but also many of the "mugs" that are trying to sink him here in Australia.

Australian Soccer, because of petty jealousies and its composition, has always had internal troubles and always will.

The way I see the situation is that with all the immigrant groups involved in the game it's like the United Nations — a concert of nations with too many wind instruments.

Many think they are experts and all try to push their own barrows to gain publicity and get their names to the forefront.

I fully believe that everyone is entitled to an opinion. This country would not be worth living in, if this were not so. However I also believe that to hound and conduct personal vendettas against our national coach at this time is ludicrous and downright stupid.

Despite what you think of this man, Gutendorf, he is in charge of the national team and he is the man responsible for getting us to Spain.

Because of this, he should get everyone's full support — that is of course if some people really want Australian soccer and not just themselves to progress.

It certainly is a true saying — united we stand, divided we fall.

Not that Rudi Gutendorf can't look after himself — he can.

I somehow compare Rudi to Daniel when he was in the Lions' den.

Probably the reason that the lions did not eat Daniel was because most of him was grit and the rest backbone.

As for some of Rudi's fiercest critics — well it's no secret that some of their soccer knowledge would not fill the back of a postage stamp and here they are trying to expound the XYZ of the game without really knowing the ABC.

In fact I take no more notice of the wind that comes out of the mouths of some of these critics than the wind expelled from their backsides.

Surely this is the time to close our ranks, forget our differences and unite in one aim.

Spain '82 is our target. Let's hit this target and not once again make fools of our code with petty internal bickering and jealousy.

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My heartiest congratulations to Marconi coach Raul Blanco on winning the Charity Shield first up with his new club.



Raul Blanco Atti Abonyi

Last year when he was struggling with Saints I pulled no punches in my criticism over Blanco's handling of his team.

Now, by the same token, I congratulate him on his early work with the Fielders.

I know that it's early days yet but he seems to be on the right track and given a free hand he seems set for a successful season.

Of course he will need this, as Marconi is a club where coming second is just not tolerated — ask Les Scheinfug.

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Big things have happened and are happening with former socceroo Atti Abonyi's club Arncliffe Scots.

Or should I say Riverwood Soccer Club, for this week the club broke away from the Arncliffe Sporting Club and will move into the bustling area of Riverwood in a few months time.

There they will have their own social club, the former Riverwood Businessmen's Club.

This should be the first step on the ladder of success for this ambitious outfit.

It's little wonder that the shrewd Abonyi turned down many PSL offers to join the Riverwood Scots.

## NZ clash changed

Australia's opening World Cup game against New Zealand has been rescheduled from April 26 to April 25, Anzac Day.

It will be played at a new sports complex, Mt. Smart Stadium in the One Tree Hill District of Auckland.

The match is the first in the Oceania

qualifying group which includes also Indonesia, Taiwan and Fiji.

Australia will play a practice match against the national youth team at Marconi Stadium tonight (Wednesday).

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# Krncevic, Sharne are the key men



Flying forward Peter Sharne

**Peter Sharne, Eddie Krnecovic and Tony Henderson have emerged as the foundation of Rudi Gutendorf's national team.**

*Over the 34 games of Gutendorf's reign, Sharne and Krnecovic both have appeared in 30.*

Henderson is next in line with 28 appearances.

Next, with 26 come Gary Cole and Ivo Prskalo.

The group of 15 players who have almost certainly includes the team that will kick off Australia's World Cup campaign against New Zealand on April 26.

In all, Gutendorf has used 58 players in the 34 games under his control.

It's been a long, exhausting elimination process, but the statistics show that it has produced a group of players on whom Gutendorf believes he can rely.

The only member of the "elitist" group who may have lost his place in the first eleven at the last minute is Prskalo. Gutendorf tried Jim Tansey in Prskalo's sweeper position against Dynamo Zagreb and Tansey played well there.

Here is a list of all players so far used by Gutendorf, with number of appearances:

30 Sharne Krnecovic  
28 Henderson  
26 Cole, Prskalo  
25 Jankovics  
23 Boden, Woodhouse  
22 Perry, Tansey  
15 Rooney, Davidson, Yzendoorn  
14 Barnes, Selemidis  
13 Bertogna  
12 Cumming  
11 S. Hogg  
10 J. Nyskohus  
9 Coyne, P. O'Connor  
8 Maher  
7 Mullen, Christopoulos  
6 Crook, Muir  
5 Banovic, Bozanic  
4 Degney, R. Russell, Moulis, Raskopoulos, Hunter, Kay, Paton  
3 S. O'Connor, Byrne, J. Campbell, Blair, Brusasco, Spanos  
2 J. O'Shea, Souness, Wilson, Kosmina, Muniz, Watson, Davies, Pisciano  
1 Silva, Curran, Baxter, Tredinnick, Stevenson, Boyle, Jones, Sankalski, Wheatley

The latest updated Socceroo statistics are:

## TOTAL APPEARANCES

115 Wilson  
99 Rooney  
88 Abonyi  
72 Schaefer  
62 Warren  
61 Utjesenovic, Alston  
60 Richards  
59 Baartz  
55 Ollerton, Bennett  
52 Mackay  
47 Harris  
45 Byrne  
44 J. Nyskohus, Harding  
43 Barnes, Vojtek, Williams  
40 Tansey  
38 Kosmina  
36 Muniz  
35 Reilly, Maher  
34 Curran, Clarke, Sharne  
33 Corry  
31 Watkiss  
30 Buljevic, Ackerley, Krnecovic  
29 Jankovics, Henderson  
27 Cole, Prskalo  
24 E. Campbell  
23 Perry, Woodhouse, Boden  
21 Keith  
20 McColl  
19 Tolson  
17 R. Hogg  
16 Westwater, Blues  
15 Stone, Yzendoorn, Davidson  
14 Denton, Marnoch, Selemidis  
13 Marocchi, Hughes, P. O'Connor, Bertragna  
12 Cumming, Shepherd, Blue  
11 Roche, Yaager, Scheinflug, S. Hogg  
9 Romanowicz, van Alphen, Fraser

## INTERNATIONALS

62 Wilson  
58 Abonyi  
53 Rooney  
49 Schaefer, Baartz  
43 Warren  
39 Alston

34 Utjesenovic  
32 Richards  
31 Vojtek, Mackay  
30 Ollerton  
29 Bennett  
28 Corry, Ackerley  
26 Harris  
24 Barnes  
23 Watkiss  
22 J. Nyskohus, Kesmina, Buljevic, Curran  
21 Byrne  
20 Sharne, Harding  
19 Keith, McColl  
18 Clarke, Muniz, Williams, Maher, Tansey, Krnecovic  
16 Tolson  
15 Reilly, E. Campbell, Westwater  
14 Marnoch, Henderson  
13 R. Hogg, Woodhouse, Prskalo, Jankovics  
12 Cole  
11 Boden  
10 Blue, Stone, Perry, Davidson, Yzendoorn

## TOTAL GOALS

36 Abonyi  
21 Baartz  
20 Ollerton  
17 Alston  
15 Krnecovic  
13 Vojtek  
12 Kosmina  
11 Buljevic  
10 Richards, Harding, Cole  
9 Warren, McColl, Sharne  
8 Barnes  
7 Rooney  
6 Boden, Denton  
5 Hunter, Mackay

## INTERNATIONAL GOALS

25 Abonyi  
18 Baartz  
13 Ollerton  
8 Vojtek, McColl  
7 Alston, Sharne, Buljevic  
6 Krnecovic, Kosmina, Warren  
5 Hunter, Richards, Mackay, Cole



Eddie Krnecovic with the Oceania Cup won by Australia last year

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# Manny Poulakakis:

By LAURIE SCHWAB

**Manny Poulakakis is fuming. "Who supports this game of ours?" he asks. "The ASF people don't seem to know, much less care?"**

**He is talking about the continuing drive to remove from Australian soccer all things "ethnic."**

"We must try to satisfy the people we have. If a club name helps to do that, we should be happy to use it but it is wrong to impose on the spectators new names that are repulsive to them."

"You cannot change a club's name overnight. It will take our supporters 10 years to figure out who are the Gunners, the Warriors, the Rams, and the Giants."

"Hellas is Hellas to the people who support the club; Alexander is Alexander."

"They pray for goals just so they can chant their club's name."

"It is ridiculous to expect the non-converted to come over to soccer because the clubs suddenly have new names."

"If people get their enjoyment from following Australian Rules football or Rugby League, why should they even think about switching to soccer?"

"In trying to lure such people to our game, we are running the risk of alienating the people we already have. For every five new ones we attract, we may lose 20 and let's not forget that every time we lose even one supporter, we probably lose his family and maybe one or two of his friends as well."

"The big Greek and Italian clubs are successful because their supporters want those clubs to be what they are. The ASF and the State Federations must respect that instead of trying to change it."

*It is Poulakakis speaking his mind, as he always does when he feels there is a wrong to be righted. He always has been able to afford a certain amount of controversy because he offsets it with charm and diplomacy, the two qualities that make him the great survivor of soccer coaching.*

He rolls with the punches and keeps on bouncing back. He's had his share of sackings, he's walked out more than once over rows with committee men, yet the clubs that cause him the most heartaches keep on calling him back.

At the moment, for example, he's with the "Warriors" (Heidelberg Fitzroy United Alexander) for no less than the third time! Similarly, he's been back and forth to South Melbourne Hellas and Juventus.

During his 20 years of coaching in Australia, Poulakakis, 58, has won championships and Cups galore, experienced the boom of the early sixties and the euphoria of the first Philips League season.

He saw support for the State Leagues dwindle and now bears grim witness to their lingering death.



**Manny Poulakakis is in the unique position of having coached three Australian Coaches of the Year: John Margaritis (left) who won the award last year, Rale Basic (centre) who won it in 1977 and Gerry Chaldi (right) who was honored in 1978. He coached Margaritis at South Melbourne, Basic in the Victorian State team and Chaldi at Hakoah (Sydney City).**

"When the big clubs went into the Philips League, the State Leagues were left on their last legs," he said. "Now they are getting progressively worse. What they need is new initiatives. I would like to see the top two or three State being brought into a new, national 'B' league."

"But the Philips League itself shouldn't sit back smugly and brag of its great achievements. In fact, the league has lost momentum since its inception in 1977, and crowds have dropped dramatically. I would like to see more top-class guest players being brought out, as they were earlier when we saw Malcolm Macdonald, Charlie George, Ray Clemence, Ralph Coates, and the Red Star players, Borovnica and Nikitovic who played for J.U.S.T."

Whether club soccer can inspire greater public support depends partly on the fortunes of the Socceroos. If they qualify for the 1982 World Cup, the publicity and general excitement will rub off on the clubs. If the Socceroos are eliminated, the gloom will be all-pervasive.

Poulakakis plays the diplomat as he talks about the Socceroos and their coach Rudi Gutendorf.

"Rudi is not a miracle man. He will find it very hard to counter the millions being spent by Kuwait, Iraq and other countries that are trying to get to the World Cup finals," he says.

"We have the material to have a good side but maybe not good enough to get as far as the finals. If we don't, we will have to pick up the pieces and try again, with even better organisation, more stability in the team and more camps."

"In assessing Rudi Gutendorf you must first ask what his objectives are. If his prime objective is to lay sound foundations for the future by bringing up young players, then he certainly is succeeding but if his objective is to qualify for the World Cup, then maybe there are too many good players that do not figure in his plans. Sometimes his objectives tend to contradict each other. However, I never have talked with him about these things."

Although Len McKendry is gone, his influence remains among the Heidelberg players who basked in grand final victory with him last year. McKendry and the committee couldn't come to terms for the 1981 season but the players were sorry to see him go. It has been a major problem for Poulakakis these past weeks.

"At the beginning there were the politics to overcome, which I hated," he says.

"Now, however, we are all on good terms. There should be no room in the game for these things. I appreciate a player being grateful to the coach who has helped him to improve, but not to the extent of being disloyal to the club."

"I did not seek McKendry's job. My ethics would never allow me to do that. It was the club that offered me the job. If I hadn't accepted, someone else would have, and from what the committee tells me, it would not have been McKendry. I have explained this to the players and they understand it. Everyone is being cooperative which is, of course, the most important requirement. Without harmony you cannot have success."

"I have told them that the team makes the stars and not vice-versa, and they understand

that. They are very, very talented players. In fact this is one of the finest teams Australia ever has had. Most teams have one or maybe two match-winners, this one has perhaps eight."

"All I am trying to do at the moment is to get the midfielders to move forward more. The strikers of course will be close marked, so I want them to go forward, create space, then drop back quickly and let a midfielder get in there. We are working a lot on shooting at goal by the midfielders."

"My biggest problem is going to be who to leave out. Ken Taylor, who was on the bench last year, is too good to stay out. Maybe we could use four midfielders in away games, and three at home. We'll see."

"I think we have a chance to win the championship. It depends on whether the players put in every ounce of effort and on a bit of luck. Injuries can wreck any team."

Having coached not only in Melbourne but also in Sydney, Poulakakis has dealt with many of the truly great players who have adorned Australian soccer. Asked to name an all-star selection of players he has coached in club or State teams, he came up with the following:

Willie Schroff (Slavia) — Arthur McMillan (Heidelberg), Dick van Alphen (Hakoah, Vic), Andreas Rousis (5th Melb Hellas), Jim Tansey (Heidelberg) — Gerry Chaldi (Hakoah, NSW), Adolf Blutsch (Hakoah, NSW), John Margaritis (5th Melb Hellas) — Archie Campbell (George Cross), Mike Jurecki (Slavia, Polonia), Rafi Levy (Hakoah, NSW).

The Hakoah (NSW) which he coached in the early sixties still ranks as the greatest he has seen in Australia, Poulakakis says. The greatest player is more difficult to pin down, but John Margaritis is strongly among the candidates.

"Margaritis was 10 years ahead of his time when he was playing for Hellas in the sixties," Poulakakis says of the present-day Hellas coach. "He was the complete soccer player — a great shot with both feet, good in the air although he's fairly small, extremely shrewd, and he could play equally as well in any position — despite a painful stomach ulcer which worried him during that period."

Schroff, van Alphen and Jurecki played in the Victorian State team which, under Poulakakis's guidance, lost only one game in the two seasons 1963-64. That was against NSW in pouring rain. It was 2-2 with three minutes to go. Winger Archie Campbell got away on a through ball and with only the goalkeeper to beat, he kicked a puddle instead of the ball. NSW counter-attacked and Herbert Ninua scored the winning goal, his second of the match.

Among Poulakakis's State players was Rale Basic of J.U.S.T., later to become national coach.

"Basic was not a scientific player but he was rough and destructive and good in the air. He could also read the game well," Poulakakis remembers. But he did not go forward. The attacking full back was not in vogue in those days."

Similarly, no-one talked about "systems" then. Most of the teams played the orthodox formation, and it came as a shock to the people at South Melbourne Hellas when Poulakakis reorganised the team into a 4-2-4 line-up back in 1962, with Ted Smith and Papadopoulos playing as the two midfielders.

But let's go back to where it all began. That was in Port Said, Egypt, when Emmanuel Poulakakis, then 16, was promoted to the senior team of Hesperia. He was born on Crete but had come to Egypt at the age of four with his family. His father, Giannis, became a successful restaurateur in Port Said.

Poulakakis was a goalkeeper, so talented that at the age of 17 he was chosen for the representative team of the Suez Canal area. In 1948 he moved to Paris to play for Red Star de Paris, which had the great Hélio Herera in midfield. The same year he was offered Egyptian nationality so he could play for Egypt in the Olympic



Manny Poulakakis (center) with two of his charges at Hellas: John Kennedy (right) and Jim Tansey (left).

# the great survivor

James in London but he refused, preferring to retain his own nationality. "I was stupid," he says today. "I passed up a wonderful opportunity."

He played also for Port Fouad before joining the Suez Canal Company as an employee and to play for its soccer team. He became coach of that team as it was promoted from the Second Division to the national league. One of his fondest memories is of his Suez team beating AEK Athens in Athens 2-0 during a tour of Greece, Turkey and Cyprus.

"Con Nestoridis, who later joined Hellas, played for AEK for the first time that day," he says. "In fact, AEK asked me for permission to use Nestoridis who was required to stand out of soccer for a year before he could transfer officially from Panionios to AEK. Watching him at the time, I remember likening Nestoridis to that great French forward, Raymond Kopa. He was brilliant."

At the end of the fifties, many of the 250,000 Greeks in Egypt started to emigrate — to Canada, South America, and in Poulakakis's case, to Australia, in response to an offer from Sydney club Auburn.

Poulakakis had gained an FA coaching certificate in England in 1958. Auburn appointed him coach and also signed goalkeeper Paraskev Trimeritis who had played more than 50 international games for Egypt.

"At the beginning, we did well. We were unbeaten after seven games," he says. "But Trimeritis was injured and he wasn't playing. Eventually, the committee and the supporters demanded to see this goalkeeper for whom they had paid quite a lot of money, so after three or four nights of hard training, I put him in. We were leading 2-0 at half time but in the second half Trimeritis came out and missed three crosses and we lost 2-3."

"After that a group of the English players went to the committee and said they wanted the Greeks out, so both of us were sacked. The language barrier didn't help. My English wasn't good at all — only what I had learned at school. Then there was the credit squeeze, and the fact that I couldn't get a job. My wife was still back home in Egypt and I was miserable. I was all set to go back when Hakoah made me an offer."



Manny Poulakakis with his charge last year at Victorian State League club Juventus. Back row, left to right: Poulakakis, Pat Della Rocca, Oscar Crino, Sergio Sabadini, Alex Fantoma, Jack Reilly, Frank Munro, Alex Nelson, Fabio Incantalupo. Front: Fausto Tarquinio, Tony Curcio, Bobby McGuinness, Bruno Sabidussi, Mendo Ristovski, Tony Heery, George Gillan.

"There had been a disagreement between the club and player-coach Karl Jaros, so they hired me. I made a few changes — like making Peter Hrinc a deep-lying centre forward, and shifting Hume from midfield to attack, and it all worked out well."

"APIA was the best team in Sydney at the time, but we thrashed them 6-1 and the following week we beat Sydney Austral 10-4. We went on to win the NSW grand final 4-1 against Canterbury."

A delegation from South Melbourne Hellas came to Sydney in 1962 to lure this remarkable new coach to Middle Park. They made him an offer too good to refuse — including fares for his family to come out from Greece — and the club's confidence in him was justified when Hellas won the Victorian State League championship that year.

He left Hellas in 1964 because the committee tried to interfere in team selection. "I was told I

had to present my team selection to the manager every Friday night so I said rubbish and I left."

"George Cross signed me straight away. They had already qualified for the Australia Cup series, and we went on to win the Cup by beating APIA 3-2 in the final. About 18,000 people turned up to see the game at Olympic Park. It was 2-2 after full time and it was anyone's game. Near the end of extra time, Don Hodgson pulled a muscle, so I moved him from the middle to the wing and brought Archie Campbell from the wing to the middle. Straight away, Campbell got clear on a long ball, beat the APIA centre back, Fil Bottalico, and scored the winning goal. The Maltese fans poured onto the pitch. There was a big celebration."

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England goalkeeper Ray Clemence who guested for St. George in 1978. Poulakakis said we need more glamorous guest stars like Clemence.

## Poulakakis the great survivor

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Sydney club Pan Hellenic signed Poulakakis in 1965 and the man who composed his contract was none other than Arthur George, now Sir Arthur George president of the ASF.

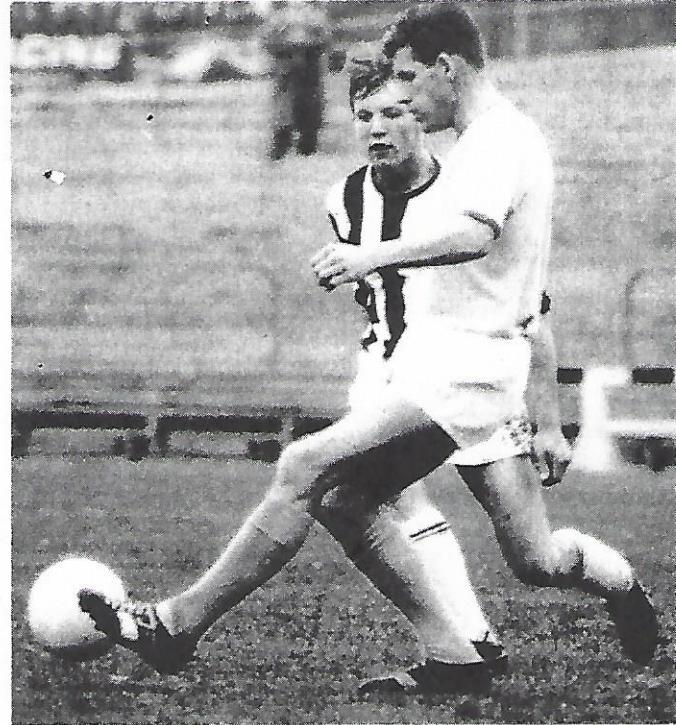
"A cunning fellow, a terrific businessman," Poulakakis says'

But Pan Hellenic had no success that year, despite the presence of Poulakakis and brilliant midfielder John Sanchez from Slavia. "The club had 25 players on the payroll," Poulakakis chuckles. "Everyone wanted to play every week and those who were left out would barrack for the opposing team, so they could have a game the following week. It was a shambles."

So he returned to Melbourne to take over Hakoah (Vic) in 1966. John O'Neill, Dick van Alphen, Hugh Murney, Alan Stenhouse, Keith Fry, George Keith and Jim Armstrong were at Hakoah then, and under Poulakakis, they won the Dockey Cup and finished third in the championship.

It was a disagreement over team selection that caused him to quit and move on to Juventus the following year, 1967. There he objected to having to share his selection duties with a club official, so in 1969, he found himself back at Hellas, where he promptly won the Ampol Cup.

He took a year off in 1971 to do refresher coaching courses in Europe and on his return, he took



Former Socceroo Dick van Alphen (front) — Poulakakis coached him at Hakoah (Vic.)

Hellas to the 1972 State League championship. Goalkeeper Marko Fode was hailed during a run of 15 games without conceding a goal, while other prominent players that year included Steve Walker, John Bedford, Dave Gorrie, Jim Armstrong, Mike Mandalis, John Daperis, Bill Has-

pis, Giaovanni Batticciotto and Arthur Xanthopoulos.

Sam Papasavas succeeded Theo Marmaras as Hellas president in 1973 and it was Papasavas who sacked Poulakakis, because he was not pleased with the way things were going. Poulakakis went back to Juventus for the 1974 season who sacked Poulakakis, because he was not pleased with the way things were going. Poulakakis but the team was not of championship calibre, and he had to wait until 1975 to win his next championship, this time with Fitzroy Alexander, now called Heidelberg.

It was the first time Alexander had won a major event, and it was that championship that put the club on the soccer map. Pat and Vince Bannon, Jack Reilly, captain Nick Rakovalis, Andy Bozikas, Mark Karapatos, Ian Gibson, George Gillan and top scorer Frank Donachie were leading lights in the team.

But club president Jim Mangopoulos did not renew Poulakakis's contract for the following season, preferring to make Jack Reilly player-coach.

Poulakakis shrugged his shoulders, went back to the Hellas, and won another championship, equally Polonia's record of 37 points. Yet when the team fared poorly in early 1977, the first season of the PSL, Poulakakis was sacked again!

It was like a merry-go-round now. After taking a year off to recuperate from an operation, Poulakakis returned to Heidelberg (Alexander) which had just sacked John Margaritis. The team finished the championship series as runner-up to Marconi but when Poulakakis sought an extended contract for the 1980 season, the committee refused him. Not so Juventus. It signed him to a two-year term so he made the move after the pre-season Ampol Cup series.

Now Poulakakis is taking legal action against Juventus over alleged breach of contract, for near the end of the season, Juventus relegated him from the senior team to supervising the coaching of the club's juniors. The reason was that Poulakakis again rejected attempts to interfere in team selection.

One thing he's not looking forward to this year is the prospect of PSL soccer being switched to the summer.

"We recently played two practice games when it was 35 degrees," he says. "The players were distressed. If we force them to play in summer, we will make them suffer and if they suffer their game suffers. We are there to provide entertainment for the fans. The players cannot entertain if they are suffering."



Winger Archie Campbell (left) scored the winning goal for George Cross against APIA in the 1964 Australia Cup final. At right is Don Hodgson.

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"I'm sick of unofficial approaches being made to McGorian," said Vrzina.

clubs which speak to him without first gaining permission from Slavia.

"If these clubs have plenty money and can afford a \$2,000 fine then they can go ahead and talk to him."

McGorian played with State League club Frankston two weeks

He had gained permission from Slavia to play for Frankston.

"McGorian claims Frankston offered him a substantial amount of money but it's got me beat where the money will come from considering the financial situation of the club."

"McGorian is contracted to Slavia





## England to go Sunday?

From JIM COOK  
our European correspondent



An extraordinary Football League meeting on February 9 is likely to give the go-ahead for Sunday football. Some Sunday matches are likely to be authorised this season then it could be full steam ahead in 1982.

line-up is six mechanics and 25 drivers.

Marin Peters, the former England World Cup star who guested with Frankston City, has stepped up from player-coach to become manager of Sheffield United. Peters has hung up his boots as a player when his predecessor Harry Haslam who has been in ill health remains with Sheffield in a minor capacity.

★ ★ ★

Athlone leaders of the League of Ireland and managed by former Fulham centre Turlough O'Connor make their first crack at the European Cup next season.

★ ★ ★

Arsenal has joined the chase for Johan Cruyff. Manager Terry Neil and coach Don Howe flew to Amsterdam for talks with the player but may be that despite all the offers from Europe Cruyff will still go to America . . . to either New York Cosmos or San Diego Sockers.

★ ★ ★

Ray Clarke the Newcastle striker who has had almost as many clubs as a player as Tommy Docherty had as a manager looks set to move again. Clarke has been with Spurs, Swindon, Mansfield, Ajax and Sparta of Holland, among others. Now PSV Eindhoven may tempt him back to Holland.

★ ★ ★

Kevin Bond recently relieved of the skipper's job at Norwich and fined a week's wages (around 250 pounds) by manager Ken Brown for failing to report a groin injury prior to their F.A. Cup tie with Cambridge won his appeal to the League Management Committee and had the fine squashed.

★ ★ ★

Gordon Hill the former Manchester United, Derby County and England winger seems all set to move from Queens Park Rangers to new North American League side, Montreal. A modest seventy-five thousand pounds fee will be involved.

★ ★ ★

Hints have been thrown out by Messrs. Clough and Taylor at Nottingham Forest that there could be a clean-out at the end of the season. Ian Bowyer has already joined Sunderland, Martin O'Neill, Irish international midfielder, has been transfer listed at his own request after being suspended for a week. Kenny Burns the Scotland central defender is being given a run in his old position at centre and Peter Shilton and Trevor Francis look like the only two real fixtures.

★ ★ ★

Paul Madeley, 35, has announced he will retire at the end of the season. Madeley who played many years alongside Paul Reaney played 708 games for Leeds and 24 times for England in a glittering 19 year career.

★ ★ ★

The England team has just acquired a new specially built \$180,000 team bus.

Remi Moses, 20, the star West Bromwich Albion midfielder who is in line for top honours with England, has been remanded on bail at Manchester after several appeals. Now, the fine was reduced to \$2,000.

★ ★ ★

Alan Gilzean, the former Tottenham Hotspur and Scotland striker, is completely out of football but has a new team

BRUSSELS — WC EURO GROUP 2

Crystal Palace skipper, Scot Jim Cannon, has accused chairman Ray Bloye of running the club into the red. "One goes to say 'What the hell is going on? We've a manager, a coach, a manager'

★ ★ ★

Alan Gilzean, the former Tottenham Hotspur and Scotland striker, is completely out of football but has a new team

## International match details

### WORLD CUP

CARDIFF — WORLD CUP EUROPEAN QUAL GROUP 3 WALES 4 (Fiume 19, 37 pen, 85, Walsh 78) TURKEY 0 HT 2-0 Att 11,700 Ref: Maanssen (Den) **WALES** Davies — Nicholas, Jones, Phillips, Price, Yarham, Flynn, Giles, Harris, Walsh, L James, TURKEY: Senol — Turgut, Cem, Husnu, Fatih, Erdogan, Necdet (Serdar), Gunter, Gunay, Tuncay, Sedat, Hattip.

BUCHAREST — WORLD CUP EUROPEAN QUAL GROUP 4 ROMANIA 2 (Radacanu 34, Ionita 46 pen) ENGLAND 3 (Woodcock 64) HT 1-0 Att 75,000 Ref: Ericson (Swe) **ROMANIA** Jordache — Negru, Stefan, Sandu, Munteanu, Ticleanu (Dumitru 70), Radacanu, Iordacheanu — Crisan, Radacanu.

ENGLAND: Clemente — Neal, Watson, Thompson, Sansom, Rob, R. McDonald — Birles (Cunningham 65), Woodcock, Gates (Coppell 45). COPENHAGEN — WORLD CUP EUROPEAN QUAL GROUP 5 DENMARK 0 GREECE 1 (Kouis 50) HT 0-0 Att 50,000 Ref: Farrell (RI) **DENMARK** Qvist — Rasmussen, Ziegler — Hansen, Olsen (B. Nielsen 58), Arnesen, Lerby — Simonsen, Jensen (Bast 45), Elkjaer.

GREECE: Sarganis — Kirastas, Filis, Kapsis, Ioannidis — Livadas, Karayannidis, Kotsikas (Paskalis 73), Ardigizoglu, Kostikas (Mitropoulos 87), Mavros.

BELFAST — WORLD CUP EUROPEAN QUAL GROUP 6 NORWAY 1 IRELAND 3 (Brothman 24, McIlroy 28, J. Nicholl 37) SWEDEN 0 HT 3-0 Att 20,000 Ref: Ponnert (SWE) **IRELAND** Plati — J. Nicholl, C. Nicholl, McIlroy, Donaghy, Cassidy (McCreary 76), Hamilton (Cochrane 76), O'Neill, McIlroy — Armstrong, Brothman.

SWEDEN: M. O'Neill, Arvidsson, Boström, Holmberg — Larsson, Ramberg (Erlandsen 45), P. Nilsson, T. Nilsson — Edstrom, Ohlsson (Sjoberg 68).

GLASGOW (HAMPTON) — WORLD CUP EUROPEAN QUAL GROUP 6 SCOTLAND 0 PORTUGAL 2 (At 30,000 Ref: Eschweiler (WGR)) **WALES** Davies — Price, Charles, Phillips, Ratcliffe — Flynn, Vorachai, Chochai — Giles (Harris 49), Walsh, Thomas.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Krusek — Kral, Kral, Kral, Kral, Kral, Kral (Paskalis 73), Ardigizoglu, Kostikas (Mitropoulos 87), Mavros.

PORTUGAL: Bento — Gabriel, Pinto, Oliveira, Coimbra, Fernandes, Eriko, Costa, Chalana, Do Santos, Jordao (Nene 60).

PARIS — WORLD CUP EUROPEAN QUAL GROUP 2 FRANCE 2 (Platini 8, Zimako 69) REF: IRELAND 0 HT 1-0 Att 43,000 Ref: White (ENG)

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LUXEMBOURG: Moes — Dax, Philip, Bossi, Meunier — Girres, Weis, P. O'Neill — Di Domenico, Reina, Gianni, Gianni (Giovanni 63).

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# SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

## Allison ends 13th job in 18 years

From ROBERT PHILIP

**The news that Malcolm Allison was no longer to be employed as manager of First Division club Crystal Palace has aroused equal measures of sympathy and smug satisfaction in English soccer.**

Allison is flamboyant, outspoken, controversial and over the years has made no secret of his penchant for the good life. His taste for champagne, fine cigars and gambling has been well publicised.

Some find Allison's qualities endearing. His detractors find them distasteful.

Allison remains unrepentant. His philosophy is: "Life isn't a rehearsal. If you don't do what you feel at the time, you don't get another chance."

As a headline-grabber he has managed to overshadow the likes of Brian Clough and George Best, like the time he invited a film actress into the bath for a photographic session with one of his teams.

But it is Allison's dream of leading a side to compare with Dutchman Johan Cruyff's Ajax of the early 1970s that now finds him looking for his 13th job in 18 years of football management.

Allison has been driven like a man possessed to produce a masterpiece of English football drama. "Their worst moves involved seven passes, their best 17. It was all through rotation. The running was always different, back, sideways, forward," he said.

But that complicated-sounding system has never been fully reproduced by Allison's players, either through lack of natural talent or understanding.

Thus, his career has been one of occasional successes, sackings, resignations and partings by mutual agree-

ment, as was the case with Palace last week.

Allison entered football management in 1963 with semi-professional club Bath City after tuberculosis had cut short his playing days with West Ham when just 28.

His chequered career since reads:

- May 1964 — appointed manager of Plymouth Argyle ... resigned 11 months later.
- July 1965 — Named assistant manager under Joe Mercer at Mansfield City. The club won the English Second Division in 1966, the First Division in 1968, the F.A. Cup in 1969 and the European Cup-winner's Cup in 1970.

- October 1971 — Appointed manager of Manchester City.
- March 1973 — resigned to join Crystal Palace and took it from the first to the Third Division in three seasons.

- May 1976 — Left Palace by mutual agreement and joined Galatasaray of Turkey as coach.
- November 1977 — Appointed coach of North American Soccer League outfit Memphis Renaissance.

- February 1978 — sacked by Memphis ... rejoined Plymouth as coach.
- April 1978 — appointed manager of Plymouth.

- January 1979 — resigned to rejoin Manchester City as assistant under manager Joe Book.

- July 1979 — Appointed Manager of City. Allison set about a massive building programme and his transfer deals, to and from the club, totalled over seven million sterling (14 million Aust. dollars). Internationals Brian Kidd, Peter Barnes, Mike Channon, Dave Watson and Asa Hartford were all sold.

- October 1980 — sacked by Manchester City.
- December 1980 — Rejoined Palace as manager ... left by mutual agreement just 55 days later.

Allison is highly respected by most managers in the game. One top coach, who watched Third Division Plymouth shortly after he took over for his second spell said: "A typical Allison side ... really got them playing ... what a talent that man has."

But that talent has seldom been recognised by the men who employ Allison, the club chairmen who are impatient for instant success.

Strangely, Palace's new chief shareholder, Ron Noades, went out of his way to praise Allison when he joined the club.

Noades said: "I think he is one of the best coaches in the country. I've got firm opinions on how a club should be run and I believe that Malcolm has charisma, and not many managers have that."

Charisma or not, Allison found himself unemployed yet again when Noades appointed Dario Gradi, manager of Fourth Division Wimbledon, as Palace supremo.

However, it is certain that football has not heard the last of Allison. He has the happy knack of picking himself up, dusting himself down and starting all over again.

Like the night in the early 1960s when he went greyhound racing, Allison's luck is in. He had three pints (six Aust. dollars) left in the world ... the next night I booked rooms

The decision by the English Football Association not to send a team to the Mundialito, or *Copa de Oro*, the competition held in early January in Uruguay between all previous winners of the World Cup, was bad-mannered, hypocritical and short-sighted. Whilst the decision not to attend seemed to go against England's perpetual and publicly stated claims to be considered among the world's footballing elite, on a practical level it was typical of English behaviour in the past.

The English always have regarded themselves as the best when it comes to soccer. They did, after all, invent the modern game and they did take it to many parts of the globe. It took a home defeat in 1953, at the hands of Hungary, to dent this belief in their own superiority. (It has suffered many a dent since then.)

The belief did not die, however. It continued to manifest itself in a number of ways. England refused to take part in the World Cup until 1950; Englishmen did not enter the European Cup until the late 1950s (and even then it was against the wishes of the English controlling authorities); foreign football was given scant coverage in the English Press, even when English teams played friendlies against foreign opposition.

And now we have this bad-mannered snub towards Uruguay, the host for the Mundialito, towards the other participating nations, and towards FIFA, which sanctioned the tournament.

This latest example of English insularity and bad manners has been interpreted

## English insularity is alive and well

By WALTER PLESS

as a slap in the face by many nations which will, in the future, be less than sympathetic towards England and her footballers.

One of the half dozen English reporters who covered the tournament, (almost 3000 foreign journalists attended) reported on radio recently how he and his English colleagues continually were embarrassed by people asking them why England was not playing in the series, especially since it had been invited as a previous World Cup winner.

England's decision not to attend also was hypocritical in the sense that she has always proclaimed her right to be considered as a world football power and yet, when the invitation to join the world's elite was issued, she rejected it. Now, when England actually was approached and invited to join a select group of the world's best, that is, all previous holders of the World Cup, England refused! The decision was nothing short of sheer stupidity. The English authorities once again have regarded the English League as more important than an elite world competition, one officially recognised by FIFA, and one taken seriously by the competitors, as evidenced by

the large number of managers, coaches, officials and journalists from around the world who attended.

In the past, whenever England failed to qualify for a World Cup competition, she made a great fuss about how the series would not be quite the same without the presence of the England team.

Foreigners have even been induced to concur (were they being polite?).

I am reminded of Brian Moore's suggestion that the German public would regret England's absence and that the series would be so much the poorer because of it.

This sort of English claim will be difficult to sustain in the future because of England's action. She has had her chance to be with the elite and she has rejected it. In future she will have to earn the right!

By boycotting the Mundialito, England has displayed a remarkably short-sighted approach towards her own soccer development. As well as losing credibility and prestige in world soccer circles, something that will be very difficult to regain, especially if England once again fails to qualify for the World Cup, she has lost the chance to study some of the world's best teams

at first hand prior to the 1982 World Cup.

She has lost the chance to pit her players against these teams and thus give them valuable international experience.

This is an important chance missed, especially since England is involved in a qualifying competition herself. The Mundialito has superior in standard to the 1980 European Championships, in which England took part but failed.

England's refusal to take

part in the Mundialito is difficult to reconcile with her continual plea to be recognised as one of the world's elite soccer powers and yet, the refusal to participate conforms with past English practice. It confirms the English insularity, despite the presence of numerous foreign players in the English League, is alive and well.

England still does have a superiority complex. If England once again finds herself in the rear-guard rather than the vanguard of world soccer, as she first did in 1953 and has done on numerous occasions since, she will have only herself to blame.

Little sympathy can be expected from the rest of the world. England will, from now on, have to earn the right to mix it with the elite. This includes the World Cup which will be held in Spain in 1982.

Judging from England's attempts in past years to qualify, having to earn the right to compete is always so much harder than being invited.

## ITALY TO PLAY EUROPE XI

**Italy will play the rest of Europe in Rome on February 25 in a benefit match for soccer clubs hit by last year's Italian earthquake.**

West German team manager Jupp Derwall will be in charge of selecting the European side, assisted by Czechoslovak team manager Josef Venglos.

UEFA President Artemio Franchi will supervise distribution of cash raised by the match to clubs whose grounds were wrecked when the quake shook Southern Italy last November.

## Names in the news

quite Fremad of Denmark for Fenerbahce ... FRANK ARNESEN of Ajax is the target of Arsenal and Bayern Munich ... ANDRAS TORSOKIS of Hungary's new captain ... FRIEDEL RAUSCH, coach of Ferencvaros, is to help train Turkey's national team ... ALBERTO SPENCER quits as boss of Uruguay's Huracan Buceo.

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FRITZ WALTER. The inside left, inspiration and captain of West Germany's surprising 1954 World Cup-winers recently celebrated his 60th birthday. Walter who, with brother Ottmar, played for Kaiserslautern on both sides of the war, made his international debut in a 9-0 win over Rumania in 1940. He returned to the national team in 1956, but made a comeback at manager Sepp Herberger's insistence to help guide the World Cup defence in Sweden in 1958.

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Ex-Italy spearhead ROBERTO BONINSEGNA returns a year later with fourth division Vladan ... LUIZ PEREIRA has been sold by Atletico Madrid to Flamengo.



Claudio Pellegrini of Napoli heads the ball to score the only goal for his team, while Juventus goalkeeper Dino Zoff tries in vain to stop him. The game ended 1-1. Roma heads the table.

## Hamburg advances,

## Olympiakos tops

also cruised to a comfortable 3-1 win in Osnabrück

Borussia Mönchengladbach produced a spate of first half goals in its easy 6-1 home win against the last amateur team left in the cup, Atlas Delmenhorst.

Eintracht Frankfurt, fifth in the league with a game in hand over the top three teams, had a much harder match in Oldenburg, where it beat the home side 5-4.

VFB Oldenburg, only 18th in the second division, challenged the weak Bundesliga side all the way and fought back from 5-2 down, with goals from Juergen Milenski (86th) and Horst Huber (90th).

Three other matches in the last 16 were postponed because of bad weather.

The only Bundesliga match was between FC Cologne and bottom of the table Arminia Bielefeld. Cologne's 1-0 win lifted it from eighth to seventh place in the table.

### Other European results:

22nd Round Matches:

Real Betis	1	Real Sociedad	0	Honduras	2	Le		
Palma	3	Barcelona	8	Deportivo	0	Sakura	0	
Valencia	2	Real Zaragoza	5	Sporting	0	Real	0	
Madrid	1	Real Madrid	2	Real Valladolid	1	Real Murcia	0	
Atletico	12	0	Real Sociedad	0	Real Oviedo	0	Athletic	0
Valencia	22	12	5	5	4	22	23	
Barcelona	22	13	2	7	44	28	28	
Real Sociedad	22	11	4	7	32	21	20	
Real Madrid	22	10	5	7	39	23	25	
Real Betis	22	10	4	8	35	23	24	

ITALY

Bologna	1	Corsica	0	Brescia	0	Ascoli	2	Cagliari	2
Pistoiese	2	Fiorentina	0	Juventus	1	Inter	2	Catania	0
Taranto	2	Napoli	1	Udinese	0	Roma	1	Genoa	0
Roma	15	7	5	2	23	13	20	Varese	0
Inter	15	7	5	2	23	11	19	Parma	0
Juventus	15	5	8	2	18	9	18	Atalanta	0
Napoli	15	6	3	1	17	13	17	Torino	0
Taranto	15	5	4	1	18	13	17		

GREECE

Apolon	13	12	3	37	23	22
AEK	13	12	3	35	25	22
PAN	13	10	6	32	22	20
Dask	13	8	7	24	18	13
Ethnikos	13	8	7	25	22	21
Panionios	13	7	5	27	22	21

SCOTTISH

Wartington	2	Berwick	1	RWD	0	Motherwell	1
Barrow	1	Karlsruhe	0	Arbroath	0	St. Mirren	1
Widnes	1	Wolfsburg	0	St. Johnstone	0	Hearts	1
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# Second Division Select overpowers Croatia

## Cup details

ADELAIDE CITY GIANTS 3 (Vileni 39th, 60th, Merocchi 74th) AMATEUR LEAGUE 1 (Papas 66th).

GIANTS: Marshall 7 - Russell 9, Perin 7, Jones 7, Nyskohus 7, - Dods 7, Muniz 7, Merocchi 8, - Rankin 7 (Signature), Nyskohus 6 (Vileni 8), Buch 7.

AMATEUR LEAGUE: Psarombas 8 - Levy 8, Donovan 7, Roydhouse 7 (Papas), Smith 7 - Hutchings 6, Firth 6 (Brown), McInerlin 8 - Burford 6, Pettit 7, White 7.

SECOND DIVISION 2 (Durrant 7th, Jacob 65th) CROATIA 1 (Lesen 23rd).

SECOND DIVISION: Humphries 7 - Duffy 8, Ryan 7, Campbell 7, Ryfe 6 - Jacob 8, Boyce 7, Johnstone 7 - Dye 6, Durrant 7, Roydhouse 6 (McInerlin 8).

CROATIA: Przybyl 7 - Williams 7, Galic 6 (Roguski), Kotler 6, Hard 7 - Illic 6 (Papas), Thomson 7, Lesan 8, Cagiano 6, Maric 6, Hayes 6.

SA Ampol Cup standings

### GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ad City Giants	2	2	-	6	3	4	
Para Hills	1	1	-	3	0	2	
Cumberland	1	-	1	2	3	-	
Amateurs	2	-	2	1	6	-	

### GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Second Division	2	2	-	3	1	4	
Croatia	2	1	1	-	2	2	
West Ad Hawks	1	-	1	0	1	-	
State Under 19	1	-	1	0	1	-	

### SCORERS

3 - Merocchi (Adelaide City Giants)

5 - Vileni (Giants)

1 - J. Nyskohus (Giants), Lesan (Cumberland), Lindsay (Second Division), Amos (Para Hills), Mulien (Para Hills), Humphries (Para Hills), Cagiano (Croatia), Mahony (Cumberland), Jacob (Second Division), Durrant (Second Division), Lesan (Croatia), Papas (Amateurs).

NEXT ROUND: Wednesday, February 4 - Para Hills v Cumberland (Group A); West Adelaide Hawks v State Under 19 (Group B).

NEXT WEEK: Wednesday, February 11 - Croatia v State Under 19 (Group B), Adelaide City Giants v Para Hills (Group A).

The SA Ampol Cup was thrown wide open when the Second Division Select overpowered State League champion Croatia 2-1 on Friday night.

The win gives the Second Division an excellent chance of qualifying for the semi-finals on February 25.

It has two wins from two games in Group B and has put the pressure on the West Adelaide Hawks to win its last two games to have any chance of grabbing a semi-final berth.

The Hawks lost their

## Meno Toutsidis



opening match 0-1 to Croatia two weeks ago.

Croatia began in style against the Second Division, leading after 29 minutes with a goal from Steve Lesan, but Glenn Durrant and John Jacob reversed the result in the second half for a shock win.

In the late game, Adelaide City Giants outlasted the Amateurs 3-1 to grab

top spot in Group A and a certain semi-final spot.

Charlie Villani scored two goals in the 39th and 60th minutes after replacing John Nyskohus minutes before half time.

Gary Marocchi, the tournament's leading scorer with three goals, grabbed the third in the 74th minute.

Michael Papas notched the Amateur's goal in the 66th minute.

The star of the match was Amateur goalkeeper John Psarombas who frustrated the Giants for 39 minutes until Charlie Villani, now fully recovered from an injury which kept him out last year, fired the PSL side into the lead.



ZIKA NIKOLIC

SVAKI JE PETAO NAJJACI NA SVOM BUNJISTU

Ubedljiva pobjeda Dinamo nad Australijom u Zagrebu, pružala je rekordnu posatu na Olympic Parku u Melburnu. Može se slobodno reći da je ova posljednja utakmica ispred turnira, ali je zato rezarcala sve prave ljubitelje nogometa. Dinamo nije bio ni sena one momente kada je igrači i ubedljivo savladale Australiju sa 2:0 u Zagrebu. Ne samo domaći teren, već i laurova kruna bili su pravljena prepraga za nizakut tim Australije. Na Dinamu nije bio iman prema klimi, koja je ovog puta bila na steni domaćeg tima. U svakom slučaju treba dati kredit reprezentaciji Viktorije, koja je zaslužila pobjedu. Trener Blazević je izjavio da je reprezentacija Viktorije pružila najbolju igru na njihovoj turneji po Australiji.

### "PLAVE" NEVOLJE

Uzbranom koracima se posljivala prevarstvo Phillipsa lege, a J.U.S.T. name prinova, koje su nužne za uspesan pocetak sezone. Prema posljednjim vestima, povratnik Zdravko Lulja ne treba očekivati pre mesecev maja, a na domaćem tržtu nema igrača, koji se mogu dobiti za razumno cenu.

Na nekoliko ranjih treninga utakmica ispredla se stara bojika. Neprečinost novih igrača, koju trener Ceda Cirković pokušava upornim radom da zaleci. Prisile subote su JUSt i Altona Gute igrali neresno 1:1. "Plavi" su imali desetak zrelih prilika, ali nisu pogodili ni prazna vrata. Oba gola su postignuti iz prestraga dozadnja jedanaestercu. Strelci su bili: Zoran Iličić i Šekula Sekulović za North Altonu, a trezler je rezerva JUST-a pobedila sa 1:0. Strelac: Milan Stojović.

Do kraja letnje sezone, svaki timovat JUSt će trenerati na Henry Turner Reserves u Footscray (MY 42 C), i na tehničke škole u Footscray. Tu je uvelada bilo igralište JUSt-ovih junakra i seniori Footscray Soccer Club. Phillips liga treneri svake večeri i dnevno im ponedeljnikom i sredom, a rezerve i juniori utakmicom i učenjima. Novi trener drugog tima JUSt-a je Tony Vella, koji se uvek vrace u "plavi" tabor kada zaokuplja.

JUSt-ov plitnik je uspeo iznad svih očekivanja. Izletnici su se izvrsno učinili na svom igralištu, iako je bila velika vrućina, sto nije sprečilo MRSAVE i DEBELE u odigranju zanimljivu utakmicu. Nekoliko mesarskih radnji je moglo da niko ne bude gladan. Danilo Vidović je poklonio prase i jagnje, Šveta Radovanov iz Springvala prase, novootvoreno mesnica "Europe" iz Newporta domaće kobasice i Armon jagne.

### MAKEDONIJA POPUNILA IGRACKI FOND

Makedonija ili PRESTON RAMS, kako će ih medija ubuduće zvati, treneri pet dana u nedelji. Trener Edgley je odvojio 18 igrača, među njima i juniora Con Stoykosa, sa kojima intenzivno radi. U kakovu su stanju i raspoređenju svih igrača, najbolje pokazuju trening utakmice u Croydonu, u kojoj je Makedonija dobita sa 8:0. Uz ovu pobjedu je učinio još jedan novi igrač iz Engleske, Doug Brown, iz star 22 godine i igrač je za Northcote. Danilo Vidović je učinio još jednu pobjedu. Iako je Northcote u drugoj diviziji, došao je sa reputacijom gredetinja i u svim 11 utakmicama lako je učinio još jedan novi igrač iz Velike Britanije, ali njegovu ime se ne može objaviti do dolaska u Makedoniju. Potpisani je i trener Richmonde iz Melburna, za koga Edgley misli da je veliki igrački potencijal.

### TARAK U FORMI

Veterani Taraka, prvi su otvorili sezonu i igraju svake radeće, a to im je jedini trening. Prisile nedelje su lako i ubedljivo pobedili Postel Institute, koji trener Slobodan Zoraj, sa 5:2 (2:2). Ponoćni otac Slobodan Lukic, kome je zena Marijana rodila sina Nikolicu pre sedam nedelja, postigao je dve gote i bio je najbolji igrač ovog zanimljivu utakmicu. Ostale golove su postigli Dragan Kerega, Stevan Kosovac i Ljubo Stojanovic.

### PRIMJATELSKE UTAKMICE

Ringwood Ut. /SRBIJA igra prvu prijateljsku utakmicu, pod novim imenom, učine subote 7. februara protiv Mooroolberna na Esther Parku, Esther Crescent, Mooroolber (My. 37 E.11). Rezerve se sastaju u 2:30 po podne, a zatim igraju prvi timovi dva kluba.

## KAKANTONIS IS STAYING



Steve Kakantonis

South Melbourne team manager Leo Anazakis was angered by an article which appeared in last week's "Soccer Action" concerning negotiations between South Melbourne and Northcote for South Melbourne striker Steve Kakantonis.

"What's this guy Williams playing at?" said Anazakis. Steve Williams is the publicity manager for Northcote and he stated in the article that the two clubs had discussed the possibility of Northcote buying Kakantonis but talks broke down when Hellas asked for around \$12,000.

"We talked about the possibility of Kakantonis going to Northcote on loan but now there's no way he'll be leaving Hellas," said Anazakis.

"Our committee discussed the situation last week and we decided that Kakantonis's youth and tremendous potential made it impossible for us to allow him to move."

"After what Williams said there's no way Kakantonis will be going to Northcote."



Oscar Crino (right) scores Australia's goal in its 1-3 loss to Rumania at the Israeli winter youth tournament.



## Bannon, Rigby keen to leave

Hakeah (Vic) still has not lifted the club suspension hanging over the head of midfielder Dave Rigby who is training with George Cross and is keen to resume a partnership with Cross coach Archie Campbell which flourished when Rigby and Campbell were with former PSL club Mooroolbark. Ged Bannon soon will

sign for a rival State League club.

Hakoah will rely heavily on the striking duo of Richard McClunie and Stan Webster whose partnership flourished toward the end of last season.

Hakoah recently beat State League newcomer Ringwood 1-0 and thrashed the Victorian under 18's 7-1.

## HELLAS WINS

South Melbourne Hellas beat Frankston City 7-0 in a training match last Sunday. Alan Evans scored three goals and George Christopoulos two.



LEIF JENSEN

## Warm-up my way

With the soccer season starting very shortly, I thought it would be appropriate to write about a part of the soccer game which is often neglected if not in some cases completely ignored.

It is a most essential part of most sports and should most certainly be included in a soccer team's preparation whether it be on training night or perhaps even more importantly before a match. I am of course talking about the warm-up.

A warm-up is not five or six balls thrown on to the playing pitch, with players knocking these balls at full power for 30 or more yards.

Nor is it five or six players hitting balls hard at a goal-keeper who at full stretch is trying to save as many shots as possible with sometimes three or more balls hitting the net at the same time.

This what I would call a bad warm-up and will only induce fatigue or even injury.

We do also want teams come onto the ground ten minutes before a game, where some of the players will do a few half-hearted stretches and perhaps a few short sprints, while the rest are pushing a soccer ball around between them, quite a nice little performance for the crowd but certainly not a warm-up.

So what is a good warm-up? Well, I can only tell you what I think is an ideal warm-up and that is a warm-up which leaves your players fresh and alert, ready to perform at top speed in a match, and don't forget that the first 15 minutes of any match can be very vital to the final result.

As to what kind of warm-ups to use in your club, I would never attempt to tell you what mainly because there are so many different types of exercises that one could write a book about it, but if you cover the stretches of muscles in the following order you can't go wrong:

Quadriceps; Hamstrings; Calf; Abductors; Abductors and Trunk; Trunk Rotation; Arms and Shoulders and finally a Neck roll.

Combine this with some ball work and you should come up with a pretty good warm-up routine which should leave your players physically and mentally alert, and it will certainly decrease the risk of injuries during their match.

I also believe that even though it may not be essential for very young boys to do too many warm-ups, it certainly won't harm them and can only leave them with a good habit for later on in their soccer career.

## Juve after junior coaches

Registration day for the Juventus under 14, 15 and 16 teams is tomorrow (Thursday) at Sumner Park, Alstair Street, East Brunswick, from 5 pm to 7 pm.

The club is looking for coaches for its under 11, 12, 14 and 15 teams.



# Summer sounds warning for 'Roos

Newcastle KB's new signing, New Zealand captain Steve Summer, unwittingly mastered the art of understatement when I finally caught up with him last week.

After moving house for the fourth or fifth time in the past fortnight, Summer took time off to discuss the outcome of the forthcoming clash between the Socceroos and the Kiwis in the preliminary qualifying round for the 1982 World Cup finals.

"I've been looking at the papers here and it seems like the Australian side is unsettled under Rudi Gutendorf," he said.

Yes, I replied, but what about the Kiwis, Steve, how is their preparation coming along?

"Well, we've got John Adshead and Kevin Fallon in charge and they're a tremendous combination."

"Our lads are fitter than ever at this stage of the year and Adshead and Fallon really believe in the players."

Looks like the Socceroos are in for a torrid encounter.

What about New Zealand's World Cup prospects in general?

"Well I'd rather not comment about that because along with the other New Zealand players, we're concentrating on getting over this first hurdle against Australia."

These comments had more guards than Buckingham Palace so I switched the conversation to Summer's move to KB.

Did you know Alan Vest before you left Christchurch United in the NZ national league?

"Yes, Alan and I have kicked each other often."

"He played for Gisborne when I was with Christchurch and to be honest he was a bloody nuisance of a player. He was so hard to tag because he drifted between midfield and up front."

You get the idea that Vest also is a bit of a nuisance on the training track!

The attitude of the players here is different to that of NZ players because over here they give everything at training and everything in a game.

"In NZ it doesn't matter as much if you don't give your all on the training track."

"I suppose there's more incentive here because the money's better."

Yeah, Steve, I guess a few players in Australia are inspired by the dollar.

"Training in the heat is much harder but the chance to play against some of the fine players here is reward enough for hard work."

"I've got to work upon my stamina over the coming weeks but I'm enjoying the atmosphere at KB."

KB's not too distant from Summer's native Preston in England as he has many fellow countrymen in the KB squad.

As a brash 16-year-old Summer was apprenticed with Blackpool and played in the Lancashire First Division with Blackpool's youth team.

But it was too far to travel and, anyway, Preston was his home so he switched after one season and headed for the place he knew best.

At Preston things were great and Summer remembers a young bloke by the name of Yzendoorn who was there at the time.

"I don't know if John would remember me because I was in the reserve side playing in the Central League while he was with the A team."

"But I was there for only three months when the chance to come to NZ popped up."

Alan Ball, former England great, was the Blackpool manager but Summer had little to do with him. Instead, Ball's assistant, Peter Doherty, was the man Summer knew well.

"Peter just came up to me one day and asked me what I thought about going to play in NZ."

"I thought why not, so I came over in 1973 and joined Christchurch."

Seven seasons later, with many international appearances and the responsibility of the NZ captaincy on his shoulders, Summer should be well qualified to comment on the NZ national league.

"Now, don't you go misquoting me on all of this," he says.

Don't worry, Steve, I won't.

"Well I hope not because I've heard that there are a few papers here that misquote you."

Look don't worry, you've got my word, OK? Now what can you tell me about the NZ national league?

"Well when I arrived in March '73, I was pleased with what I saw."

"The national league had been going for about three years and really, the standard was pretty reasonable."

We were getting pro's from overseas and the crowds were quite good. In fact in my first year Christchurch drew 12,000 at one game, the record attendance for that year.

"But a couple of things combined to set the game back."

"The first was the immigration law which stopped overseas players from staying for more than six months."

"There are not many clubs that can afford to bring someone over for just six months."

"Around about 1978 the league introduced a three-up, three-down promotion and relegation rule. I suppose they thought that the game would pick up, on the contrary, it went backwards."

Yet Summer's seen some positive results from his experiences with the national team.

"The results which stick out in my mind are the 2-2 draw with England B, beating Mexico 4-0 and winning 1-0 against Hearts and Australia."

Finally we had arrived at a point in our conversation for which I had prepared NZ's much publicised 1-0 win against Australia last year.

OK Steve, what can you tell me about that win because the papers here made much of quoting Rudi Gutendorf's annoyance that the match took place on a poor playing surface?

"Well the pitch wasn't up to much but on the night it didn't matter."

"You've got to remember that we're as unused to wet conditions as are the Australians."

"Our attitude was better and whereas the Australians were not in NZ long before that match, our pre-match build-up was absolutely top class."

Fair comment. Now is there any one match for NZ which sticks out, perhaps the highlight of your representative career?

"Playing against England B in England last year was an incredible experience for me."

"Although we were beaten 4-1 we were doing well in the first half until a silly defensive mistake resulted in an own goal."

"But the whole night was like a dream come true. There we were before the game started, lining up next to players you see only on TV and worth a damn sight more than us. It was tremendous, something I'll never forget."

Right, now let's wrap it up with you telling me what you've gained from playing soccer in this part of the world.

"Coming to play in NZ gave me the chance to play against better players than I would have played against if I'd stayed in England and I've also had the opportunity to see different countries."

"I hope that coming to Australia will improve my game and I'm pretty sure KB is in for a good season so I'm pleased to be here."

Well thanks for talking to me Steve and I wish you all the best OK? I hope to catch up with you later.

Oh, by the way Steve, I won't misquote you.



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## STRIKERS SIGN CLASSY KAFKA

PSL club Leichhardt Strikers forked out \$15,000 for talented Sydney Croatia mid-fielder Zdenko Kafka last week.

Kafka played for Yugoslav First Division club Dinamo and was brought to Australia by Sydney Croatia last year.

He starred in NSW's recent 2-1 win over Dinamo. Strikers' coach Willie Wallace was full of praise for his new signing.

"Kafka is an experienced European player with bags of skill," said Wallace.

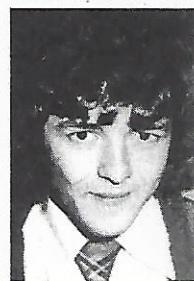
"What made my mind up to go after him was his display against Dinamo."

"I've got enough workers in midfield so Kafka will provide the skill we require and he'll be ideal to play alongside the younger players in our squad."

The Strikers also finalised the deal with South Australian club Cumberland for 24 year old keeper Robert Parkes. The fee was around \$3500.

## Simitzis switch

Tony Simitzis, who won the Victorian Second Division best and fairest player award last season, has switched from St Albans to Third Division club Broadmeadows.



Broadmeadows' new coach Joe Kalinichievich has signed midfielders Joe Vassini from Melbourne Power and looks set to snare Alex Najdovski from Central Altona as well. Najdovski previously was with Preston Makedonia.

Northcote City utility player Con Ignatidis is also on Kalinichiev's shopping list.

In practice matches so far, Broadmeadows have drawn 1-1 and lost 2-3 to Northcote and 1-0 against Melbourne.

It will meet Polonia tomorrow (Thursday) and Slavia on Friday.

Kalinichiev still is looking for



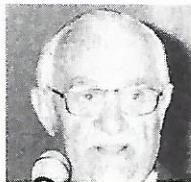
## The price of love for Cummings

Love proved costly last week for South Melbourne forward Duncan Cummings (pictured above).

He was married in November and when he and his bride returned a week later from their honeymoon, he was fined \$200 for missing training.

Alan Davidson also was fined. It cost him \$100 to miss two training nights while family friends were visiting from overseas.

## Sir Arthur talks



ASF president Sir Arthur George (left) will speak about the future of Australian soccer at the Australian Institute of Management, 10 St Leonard's Avenue, St Kilda, at 6.30 pm on Thursday February 19.

The presidential address is being organised by Melbourne Social Club.

Drinks and a three-course meal will be served.

Cost is \$18 a person.